Green belt in Nagpur

4382. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a recent satellite picture of Nagpur has shown that the city has only 15 per cent green belt left, whereas it has been dubbed as second greenest city in India and now again to achieve that status by 2010, an outlay of Rs. 30 crore was expected which has not yet been sanctioned, as appeared in media; and

(b) if so, whether Environment Ministry will use its good offices for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) and (b) Forest Survey of India makes the biennial assessment of forest cover of the country interpreting the satellite imagery. The forest cover of Nagpur district has been assessed as 1962 sq. km. as per the State of Forest Report, 2001 as compared to 2007 sq. km. during the latest State of Forest Report, 1999. Due to technological limitation, the forest cover of less than one ha. area could not be assessed. The Ministry has sanctioned a project of Rs. 3.62 crore for the Tenth Plan for the afforestation in 2500 ha. of land in Nagpur district.

Financial assistance to Rajasthan for environment project

4383. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) :

Will the Minister of ENVIROMMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any financial assistance has been provided by Government to the Rajasthan State Government for development and promotion of environment projects during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details of such projects and the amount provided thereof;

(c) whether the funds provided by Government have been fully utilized by the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) to (d) The details of financial assistance provided by the Ministry of Environment and Forests to Rajasthan State Government for development and promotion of environment projects and utilization of the funds by the Rajasthan State Government during the last two years is given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

Financial assistance to Rajasthan Government

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	During the last two years	
		Funds released	Funds utilised
1.	Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries	439.27	87.76
2.	Project Tiger	465.24	303.61
3.	Eco-development Scheme	792.41	329.36
4.	Integrated Afforestation and Eco-development Project Scheme	291.34	44.98
5.	Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project	38.69	0.00
6.	Non Timber Forests Produce	234.40	185.46
7.	Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Degraded Areas	39.35	32.39
8.	National Afforestation Programme	444.06	0.00
9.	Forest Fire Control Management	71.00	37.66
10.	Industrial Pollution Prevention Project	439.46	450.16*

*Higher utilisation is on account of utilisation of funds carried forward from previous years.

Survey to monitor forest

4384. SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :